

SHIP'S "MARTYRS" ARE GIVEN HONOR

Bones Properly Buried and an Imposing Column Marks Resting Place.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT DELIVERED ORATION

Great Procession of Naval and Military Organizations, and One of the Greatest Concourses of People Ever Seen in Brooklyn Bay

NEW YORK, November 14.—After more than a century of agitation by individuals and organizations, bones representing approximately 15,000 "martyrs" of the Revolutionary War, who died on the prison ship "Jersey," and other lesser vessels in Wallabout Bay Brooklyn, lie at last in a fittingly marked burial place, for which the government, New York State and hundreds of individuals made contributions. An imposing Doric column of granite, 270 feet high, surmounted by a funeral urn and flag staff, rises above the tomb at Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn, and its dedication today is marked by a remarkable military parade of nearly 20,000 soldiers and marines, and memorable addresses by President-elect William H. Taft and Governor Charles E. Hughes.

The procession of naval and military organizations, said to be one of the largest in the history of Brooklyn, the tremendous outpouring of people from all over Greater New York, crowding densely the line of march, and at Fort Greene Park, massed by tens of thousands, presented an inspiring spectacle. Major-General Charles F. Roe, commanding the National Guard of the State, was grand marshal of the parade, which comprised four divisions—troops attached to division headquarters, First and Second Brigade headquarters and the naval militia. In these were included two squadrons of cavalry, three batteries of field artillery, the organizations of the State signal corps, one field hospital corps, three coast artillery regiments, headed by General David S. Austin, the Seventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Twenty-third, Forty-seventh, Sixty-first and Seventy-second regiments of the National Guard; Fourth division of the G. A. R.; veterans associations and patriotic societies, squadrons of mounted police and many military and naval bands.

Monument Unveiled.
The monument, a plain shaft in the form of a Doric column, surmounted by a funeral urn, stands on a steep knoll beneath which lie interred the bones of 15,000 American prisoners who perished from fever and starvation in the rotten hulks of the "Jersey" and other English prison ships which lay in Wallabout Bay during the War of the Revolution. Secretary of War Wright, on behalf of the nation, presented the monument to the State, on behalf of which it was accepted by Governor Hughes.

The granite shaft was unveiled by Miss Katharine King Norton, granddaughter of General Horatio C. King, and at a signal an immense American flag, whose starry folds enveloped the top of the shaft, and whose red and white bars enwrapped the column, edged slowly down the monument, revealing it in all its simple magnificence to the throng which rose to its feet and stood silently with bared heads.

Upon his arrival Mr. Taft was taken to the Brooklyn Club, where he had luncheon with Governor Hughes and a few invited guests. After luncheon the official party took carriages, and under the escort of a cavalcade of mounted troops, moved toward the park, where the ceremonies were held.

Judge Taft Speaks.
Mr. Taft was introduced by Stephen W. White, master of ceremonies. The next speaker was Governor Hughes, and his address was listened to with great interest.

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to with careful attention. In his tribute to the 10,000 men who sacrificed their lives in the prison ships, Mr. Taft said he did not wish to be understood as charging that the horrible conditions which obtained on the ships were due to premeditations of the English commander-in-chief or to any one in authority. "Such a charge would make the British commanders human monsters," said he. "The conditions were the result of neglect, not design."

He contrasted the treatment of prisoners in those early years with that of recent times. The conduct of both Russian and Japanese prisoners during the recent war in the Far East was pointed to by Mr. Taft as an example of the remarkable change which has taken place since the days of the Revolution. He defended Washington against the charge which has been made that upon him should be placed at least a portion of the responsibility of the ill treatment of the ship prisoners as a result of Washington's refusal to exchange the imprisoned American sailors for imprisoned British soldiers. He said the conditions which prevailed made it absolutely essential for Washington to retain his British soldier prisoners.

"What should be emphasized," said he, "is that the refusal of Washington and the American authorities to make the exchange was not the slightest justification for the neglect and cruelty with which the prisoners of war upon the prison hulks were treated."

Secretary of War Wright also rendered a tribute to the dead prison ship martyrs on behalf of the city the monument was accepted by President of the Board of Aldermen McGowan, and Daniel F. Cohan, grand sashman of the Tammany Society, delivered the closing address, after which the tape was wound by Union veterans who were prisoners during the Civil War.

President-elect William H. Taft left for Washington to-night.

Violence Begun Years Ago.
The vicissitudes of the remains of the sailors and soldiers who died of fever and starvation, and rotted in the foul hulks of the British prison ships long anchored in Wallabout Bay, which they polluted, have been many, and have caused more than one outbreak of public indignation. It was in 1782, at a Brooklyn town meeting, that definite steps were first urged to properly bury the remains. Nothing was done, however, until 1803, when the Tammany Society secured funds for a temporary tomb, which was constructed on Hudson street. To this the bodies, dug from the trenches along the

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Wallabout banks where they had been hastily interred, were removed. With passing years the structure fell into decay, the bones became exposed and children played with them. Public feeling became aroused, and in 1853 the city of Brooklyn removed all that could be collected, several loads of them, to a tomb at Fort Greene Park, under the stairs of the entrance, where they had been placed. Work had begun on the present handsome memorial which the late Senator White designed, and which represents about \$200,000. To these bones were added, four years ago, after a public service at Plymouth church, many more, filling about eight coffins, which had been unearthed in construction of warehouses at the Brooklyn navyyard. All the remains are now enclosed in metallic coffins in the spacious tomb which is approached by a stately flight of several hundred steps.

Horrible Experiences.
The experiences of the prison ship "martyrs" constitute one of the most ghastly chapters in American history. Eleven thousand sailors and soldiers died in the "Jersey" alone, a ship constructed to accommodate only 600 men, into which more than a third of a century ago was usually crushed. Many were kept there for years. A survivor, Captain Thomas Dring, vividly depicted the scenes of the horrible incarceration. "Registered and sent below, newcomers suffered terribly from the intolerable heat and foul air, and when they sought the narrow air-locks they found them blocked by others, who fought with all their strength for even the faintest breath of the precious air."

"After derangement was a common symptom of the fever that caused many deaths on board, and to increase the horror of the darkness that enshrouded us, for we were allowed no light but by candle, the voice of warning would be heard. 'Take heed to yourselves; there is a madman walking through the ship with a knife in his hand.' I sometimes found the man a corpse in the morning by whose side I laid myself down at night."

Of the bread furnished the prisoners the Rev. Thomas Andrus wrote in his account: "I do not recollect seeing any which was not full of living vermin, but cat, worms and all, we must or starve."

The condition of the great copper in which the prisoners' meat was boiled is thus described in the memoirs of Ebenezer Fox, also a prisoner aboard the "Jersey":
"The inside of the copper had become corroded to such a degree that it was lined with a coat of verdigris. The Jersey, from her size and lying near the shore, was imbedded in mud, and I do not recollect seeing her afloat during the whole time I was a prisoner. All the filth which accumulated among upward of a thousand men was daily thrown overboard, and within a few days the water was so filthy that it was impossible to drink. The impurity of the water may be easily conceived, and in this water our meat was boiled. Not less revolting than these scenes of cruelty and neglect was the manner in which the inanimate bodies of these martyred prisoners were hastily and indecorously consigned to the earth, in some cases almost before they had become cold."

The Program.
The program for the day included: Music by the Twenty-third Regiment band, 77 E. Shannon, leader, closing with the "Star Spangled Banner," all standing; prayer by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman; poem, Thomas Walsh; oration, Hon. William H. Taft; presentation of monument on behalf of the national government by Secretary of War Luke E. Wright; acceptance on behalf of the State by Governor Charles E. Hughes; acceptance on behalf of the city by the chairman of the board of aldermen, McGowan; and the reading of the Columbian Order by Daniel F. Cohan, grand sashman.

GRAND DUKE DEAD
Uncle of Emperor Nicholas Succumbs to Pneumonia in Paris.
PARIS, Nov. 14.—Grand Duke Alexis, of Russia, an uncle of Emperor Nicholas, died in this city to-day of pneumonia. The grand duke has lived in Paris almost continuously since his retirement from the position of supreme director of the Russian navy, which he held for twenty-four years.

The Grand Duke Alexis made a tour of the United States about 1870, making a trip down the Mississippi on the Grand Republic, a mammoth steamboat chartered for the trip. He was officially entertained on a grand scale in this country.

JOHN D. ON STAND
Oil Magnate Is Expected to Tell History of His Institution.
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—John D. Rockefeller is expected to go on the witness stand when the United States government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company is resumed next week, and tell the story of that gigantic corporation. It is said that Rockefeller will be a willing witness and that for some time he has been desirous of clearing up certain matters concerning the company.

Named After Henry.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The cable steamer under construction at Newport News has been named the Joseph Henry, after the first secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, who was a scientist of note. This vessel is to be completed early in 1909.

SUPERANNUATED ENDOWMENT

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STATE HOSPITAL PLANNED

Methodist Conference Has Another Busy Day and Transacts Important Business.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., November 14.—The fourth day's session of the Virginia M. E. Church, South, Conference was one of considerable business, chief among which was the adoption of a recommendation, unanimously adopted, to increase the fund for superannuated ministers, the assessment of the conference being increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000, and 10 per cent. of this to be set aside for the endowment fund.

Resolutions endorsing the work of the Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues, and pledging the hearty support of pastors and conference officials in the spreading of the good work.

An address by Rev. Howard Jackson, of Georgia, outlining the work of the Juvenile Protective Association, stressing the need of \$50,000 for its further prosecution, and appealing to the members of the conference for moral and financial aid.

The announcement by Secretary J. T. Whitley of a committee to shape and prepare plans for a State Methodist hospital, these to be reported at the next annual conference.

Morning Session.
The session opened promptly at 9:30, Bishop Wilson presiding. The opening religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. W. Royall, of Bedford Springs, who took as a scripture lesson St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy, seventh chapter, verse 14, in prayer. The singing of the hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, Zion, City of Our God," was inspiring.

On motion, Granville Burruss and Charles A. Johnson were elected to deacon orders. Oscar L. Hagg was elected to local deacon's orders.

Rev. Frank L. Wells, chairman, read the report of the Epworth League Board, recommending as follows: That the Epworth League Board will gladly co-operate with any of our pastors or laymen in the organization of senior and junior Epworth Leagues, and that we hold ourselves ready to encourage in any way we can the Epworth League whenever called upon to do so.

Second, that we recommend the use of the splendid literature published by the general Epworth League Board, and that we recommend to our young people the Epworth League Era, the general organ of the Epworth League.

The resolution was adopted. The Rev. Crawford Jackson, of the Norfolk Methodist Conference, and representing the Juvenile Protective Association in this country, was introduced and made a splendid plea for delinquent juveniles, his plan being to keep such children out of jail and place them under influences that will reform them. He said that this class of children have heretofore been neglected by the church and criminalized by the State. The Rev. Mr. Jackson is trying to raise \$50,000 for his work, and he asked that the conference by cards that were distributed through the church at the close of his address.

Hospital Committee.
The Rev. J. T. Whitley, secretary of the Bishops' Cabinet, announced the following committee to shape and prepare a plan for a State Methodist hospital, and report at the next annual conference: Richmond District, G. C. Kelly; West Richmond District, George Wesley Jones; Rappahannock District, E. J. Garner; Charlottesville District, J. N. Barker; Lynchburg District, J. P. Pettigrew; Danville District, Frank Talbot; Farmville District, James Cannon, Jr.; Petersburg District, Augustus Wright; Portsmouth District, George H. Spooner; Norfolk District, T. J. Taylor; Eastern Shore District, H. W. Davis.

To Increase Assessment.
The Rev. B. M. Beckham, from the joint board of finance, read the report of the board. Among other things the report says: Your board has considered very carefully the paper presented to the conference by the present and the secretary of the superannuated endowment fund, and unanimously recommend the following:
Resolved, That the assessments for conference collections be increased from \$17,000 to \$20,000, with the understanding that 10 per cent. of the amount collected be set aside for the superannuated endowment fund.

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HIS DEAD BODY FOUND IN WOODS

Coroner's Jury Decides That O. Mathewson Met Death at Own Hands.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FARMVILLE, VA., November 14.—The dead body of O. Mathewson, of this town, was found near the edge of the woods, three miles south of Farmville, this afternoon. The discovery was made by his son, and partner in business, Mr. Roy Mathewson. By his side lay a .32-caliber revolver and a twenty-gauge, single barrel gun.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Mathewson, in company with two or three small boys, went rabbit hunting, and not returning after nightfall, uneasiness was felt by his people. Yesterday all day the woods were scoured for him, the boys having reported that he left them in the hunt while in that vicinity. Again last night a crowd of townspeople formed and renewed the search, keeping it up until morning.

In each of these searches his son engaged, and again to-day, together with a number of men, went back to the woods, when his body was discovered lying across a pile of brush. He had been shot in the temple, the ball passing through the rim and sweat-band of his derby before reaching his head. Imbedded in a tree close by was a bullet fired from the same pistol. The ball did not pass through the man's head.

Coroner Spencer summoned a jury

and held an inquest over the remains, the verdict being that he came to his death by means of a bullet wound in his head fired from a pistol in his own hands.

Mr. Mathewson recently came to Farmville from Cleveland, O., and opened a 5 and 10 cent store. He was a man of means, cheerful and apparently happy at all times.

Discredits Suicide.
His son discredits the theory of suicide, and attributes his death to the accident of stumbling over the pile of brush upon which his body was found. Mrs. Mathewson and one other grown son are still in Cleveland, the former having remained there until preparations were made by her husband for her coming to make Farmville their future home.

Gets Thirty Years.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., November 14.—Henry Yamaguchi, a Japanese, who while at New York, N. Y., with a circus in October, killed Kirkuchi, a fellow-countryman, because, as he claimed, of the latter's cruelty to two Japanese children, was to-day sentenced in Catawba County Court to thirty years hard labor in the State penitentiary. The State prosecuted on a first degree murder charge, but the jury rendered a second degree verdict.

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What's a Baby?

See Page Seven—Society Section.

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